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APPLICANT: Deepak PENTAL et al. CONF.: 2170
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FOR: REGULATION OF LETHAL GENE EXPRESSION IN
PLANTS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2001, the due date for Reply being extended two (2) months to April 15, 2002, by petition herein, the following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) An insulator construct for controlling leaky expression of a lethal gene from enhancing functions of a strong constitutive promoter present in the said insulator construct following integration into the genome of a plant, said insulator construct comprising:

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